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May is a month of greatness. Mothers' Day; the Whitman Expo; (and most notably) the end of school! Keep your mothers, your coin dealers, and your graduates in mind this month.

Hallmark Greetings

"Look at this one, Ma!"

"Yes, I read that one, Sandi. It was good."

"Oh my gosh! This one is great! Read this one."

And so it would go, back and forth, back and forth. Unscripted yet the same. The Hallmark store at the mall, a little card shop in Shadyside, or the gift-wrap section in Kaufmann's. We would frequent them all, my mother and I. Up one aisle and down the next, expectantly opening up each one to get to the punch line. Our laughter would ring out.

Sometimes I'd find myself standing next to a total stranger, so absorbed in my reading. I'd be proffering a particularly funny card, about to demand, "Read this!" only to look up see it wasn't Ma. Ma had wandered off to the 'Thinking of You' section. Sometimes the stranger would take the card, read it, and join in the fun. Other times, I was greeted with a raised eyebrow and a cool rebuff. That usually sent me searching out my mother, who would giggle with me over my embarrassment.

Of course, we weren't all that embarrassed. The card shops were our regular reading rooms. We felt right at home. Calling out to each other from aisle to aisle, we'd start out in the 'Birthday' section, since it

had the most amount of humor. And then we'd wind our way to 'Thinking of You' and the clearance items. Clearance is a whole 'nother article.

Sometimes the card shop was our first stop, putting us in a fine humor for the rest of our shopping jaunt. Sometimes it was after lunch. We'd savor each card like we were hitting the dessert cart. Then there were times when the 'To Do' list was too long and the bus schedule too short. Those days I'd just give a quick glance of longing over my shoulder, thinking about all of those unread funnies.

Card stores still have a magical pull on me. It's hard to pass one up. I get reeled in like a fish. After just one punch line, I'm hooked. I have to keep reading, it's so addictive. I've found it to be a very cheap form of therapy. I think everyone should stop by a card store for a quick session each week. If you're really down, you can start out in the 'Sympathy' section. Slowly work your way into 'Thinking of You.' Then you have to keep going through to 'Birthday' until you get a couple good laughs. Try out at least three singing cards, and never pass up any Shoebox greetings from my alter ego, Maxine.

You'll know you're ready to leave when you start sharing with the strangers next to you.

Hot Off the Press

This month's meetings are May 2 and 16. The general meeting starts at 7:00 pm, and the YN meeting starts at 6:30 pm on May 2. May 2 general meeting educational program will be by Ron Wichman with refreshments by Bill Fivaz.

Thanks to Bill Yarbrough for his presentation at the April meeting, and thanks also to Terraine Echols for providing refreshments.

To volunteer to do a program or provide refreshments for an upcoming meeting, please contact Norman Thomas, 770-381-8770 or e-mail jltand-

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This is **your** newsletter. The editor needs new material and welcomes the opportunity to review your original article for publication. Articles can be sent by e-mail to Alex Troxell at frog-girl8_11@msn.com.



President's Coiner

By: Chip Cutcliff

I'm a bit late getting this out to our editor this month, so don't be surprised if the May issue becomes the June issue. Anyway...

The UHR \$20 double eagles have started to back off prices a bit. After reaching a widely advertised high per coin of \$1850, they have backed off to a common price of around \$1750, and I'm beginning to see them for under \$1700. Maybe the general public now realizes that they can still be bought from the Mint for around \$1250, with a short wait for delivery?

The District of Columbia quarters have come and gone, but we're still waiting on the Puerto Rico issue to show up. It's been released, but there are no reports of them in the Atlanta area yet. If you find them, let me know so that I can update my next report.

The 2nd version of 2009 Lincoln Cent releases on the 14th of this month. I entertained the idea of flying up and trying to buy a box or two as was done with the first issue. The crazy prices from the first release date would have paid for the road trip. Luckily for me, the Mint announced that there would be no boxes sold, just 6 rolls per person with the chance to go thru the line again if there were any left after the first crowd passed thru. Guess I'll have to wait and see if they ever open circulate before I can find a roll or two.

The GNA show has come and gone. It ran very smoothly, even with the expansion of 54 tables this year. Attendance was down about 20% on Saturday and Sunday (from our all-time high attendance last

year), and the reports from dealers on the bourse were much more varied than in previous years. Most dealers had an ok show, or what they expected under the economic circumstances. A few commented that they had a great show, but there were also a few that said they had a very slow show, a comment not usually heard at a GNA event. My thanks to all of the MCCA club members that volunteered their time and effort to make the show the success that it always is. It could not be done without your thoughtful assistance, and it is appreciated.

The club is also providing registration assistance for the Whitman Atlanta Collectibles show, May 14-16. Please contact Todd Cofer or Jane Thomas for details about signing up to work. This has turned into an annual opportunity for the club as a fund raiser. Whitman provides a small stipend for our assistance, and we are able to raffle off a couple of gold coins that provide additional funding. We also operate the MCCA/GNA information booth at the event. I'm still in need of volunteers to assist with covering the table, especially 1:00-6:00 Friday and all day Saturday. Shep, want another scheduled shift? Peter, I'm hoping you get back with me and set up a time too. Ya'll have my number/e-mail. Please drop me a call/line.

Finally, please be generous with your knowledge and volunteer to give a talk at one of the upcoming meetings. Or, volunteer to bring refreshments if you're uncomfortable talking. We don't want to wear out the dozen or so people that constantly volunteer to talk. Everyone's story is worth telling. Talk to our V.P. Norman Thomas to schedule an evening. See you at the next meeting!

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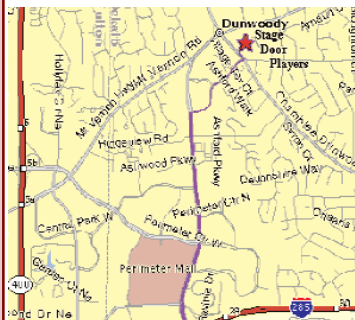
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WHO: Collectors of coins, paper money, tokens, and medals. Especially wanted are young, beginning collectors and anyone wanting to know more about the hobby and have fun doing it!

WHAT: Every meeting features educational programs, coin auctions, refreshments, and fellowship with other collectors. And, we would like you to be part of the fun! In addition, the club offers Young Numismatist (YN) programs, free advice on coin grading and authenticity as well as this monthly newsletter.

WHEN: Meeting at 7:00 PM on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month at the North DeKalb Cultural Arts Center, 5339 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody.

WHERE: The North DeKalb Cultural Arts Center is located at 5339 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road approximately one block South of Mt. Vernon Rd and Chamblee-Dunwoody Rd.



Meeting Schedule

January 3 & 17	July 18
February 7 & 21	August 1 & 15
March 7 & 21	September 5 & 19
April 4	October 3 & 17
May 2 & 16	November 7 & 21
June 6 & 20	December 5 & 19

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To encourage and promote the science and history of numismatics through discussion, investigation and study of coins, currency, stamps, medals, tokens, and financial systems of the world, to encourage and assist beginners and new collectors, to foster the interest of youth in the subject, acquire and disperse numismatic knowledge in the form of books and other publications, and to cultivate an atmosphere of numismatic fellowship among club members.

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Show Calendar

Whitman Coin and Collectibles Atlanta Expo, May 14–16, 2009, Cobb Galleria Centre, I-75/I-285, Atlanta, GA, 10AM-6PM, Call David Crenshaw, 404-214-4373, email info@whitmanexpo.com.

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